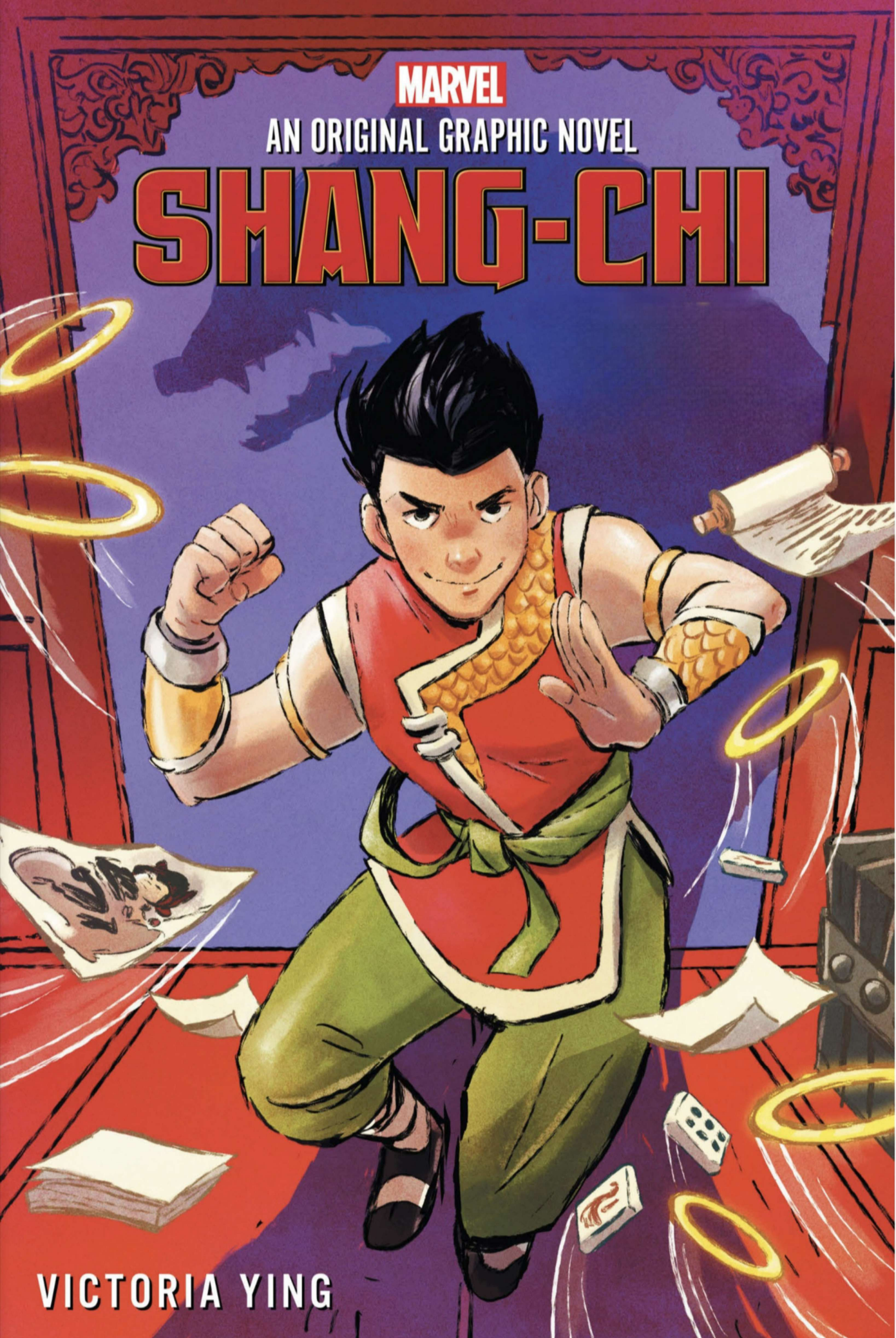
MARVEL

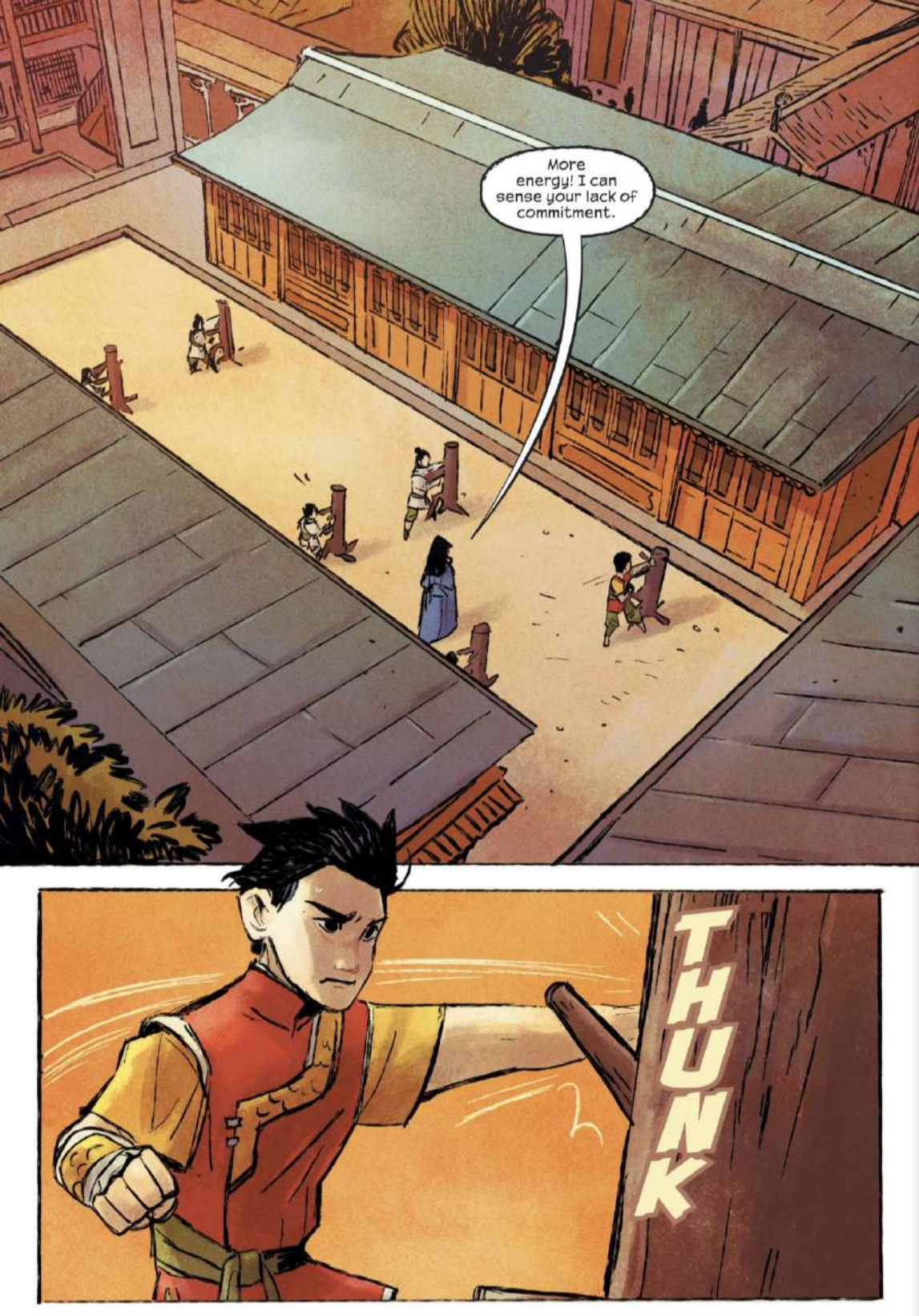
AN ORIGINAL GRAPHIC NOVEL

SHANG-CHI



VICTORIA YING

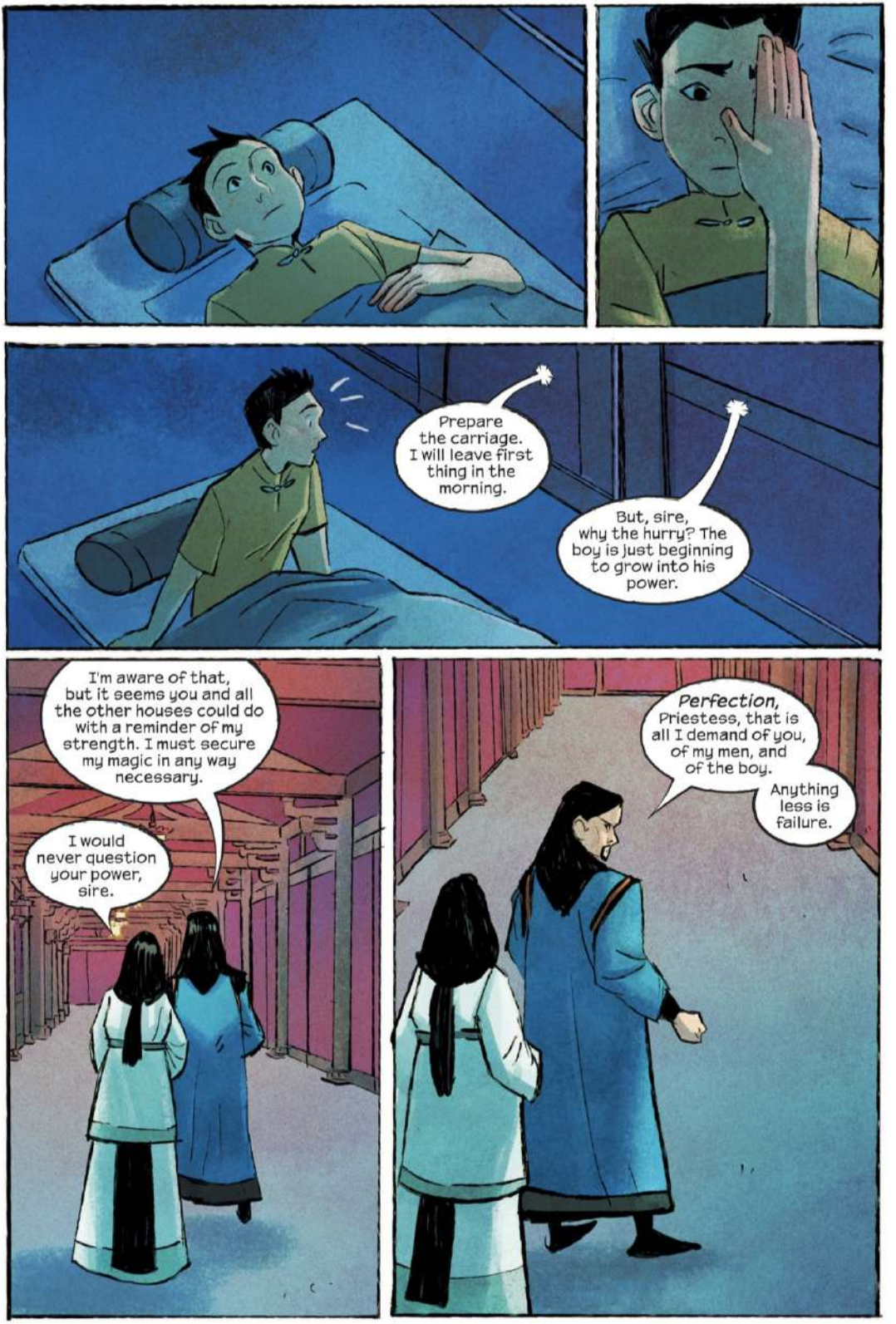
CHAPTER ONE


More energy! I can sense your lack of commitment.
THUNK

Shang-Chi!
THUNK
Yes, sir?
You must be better than all the others.
As my *son* and *heir* to the Five Weapons Society, you must show these men what true dedication to the Way of the Deadly Hand looks like.
Yes, sir.

PAKK
WHAAMM
MM

This is the power you were born into, my son. You must live up to this potential. Or else... What is it all for?
Yes, Father.
You are a well of untapped potential...but we cannot wait forever.


Prepare the carriage. I will leave first thing in the morning.
But, sire, why the hurry? The boy is just beginning to grow into his power.
I'm aware of that, but it seems you and all the other houses could do with a reminder of my strength. I must secure my magic in any way necessary.
I would never question your power, sire.
Perfection, Priestess, that is all I demand of you, of my men, and of the boy.
Anything less is failure.

Admit it, you feel it too, don't you? Something... something wrong with my power, like a hairline crack in a glass.
No—no, never!
A crack?
Regardless, prepare the convoy. We leave at dawn.

8 hours later...

Huh?

VROOM

Hello, Mrs. Wong!
What in the world is this?
Why is everyone dressed so strangely?

We arrived in place with no rhythm I understood.

Subby

No formation.

Hey!
Look where you're going!
weirdo.

BUMP!

Stay close.

Subway

Back home... everything had a place.
Here... everything just was.

What in the world is this place?
Hey!
Hey! You from the sticks?
What?
JUMP
I said, are you from the country? You're dressed weird. Or maybe you're in some kind of a play? A musical about ancient China?
Ancient China?

The city is scary, huh?
I–I guess.
No worries though, kid, I've been here for years; I can show you the ropes.
No, thanks. I don't need help from thieves.
Not bad. Maybe you'll survive here after all.

VOOOOOM
Listen, I think we got off on the wrong foot. My name is Lu. I promise, no more tricks.
My father always said to watch out for villains.
You really do talk like you're in a Chinese drama.
Let me make it up to you.

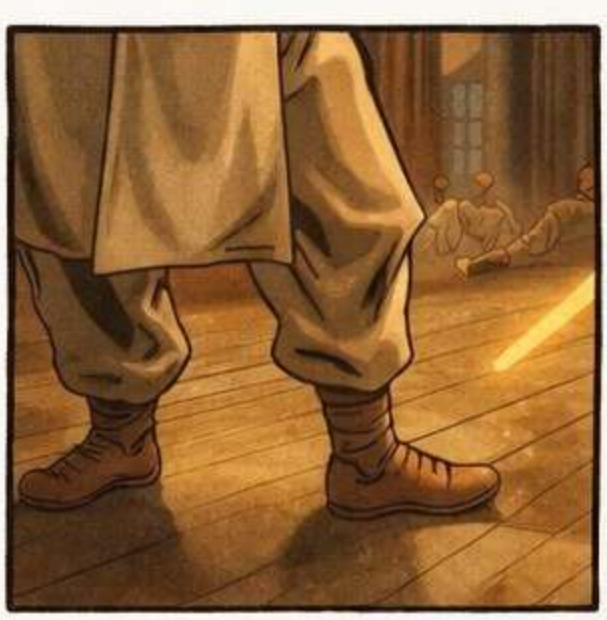
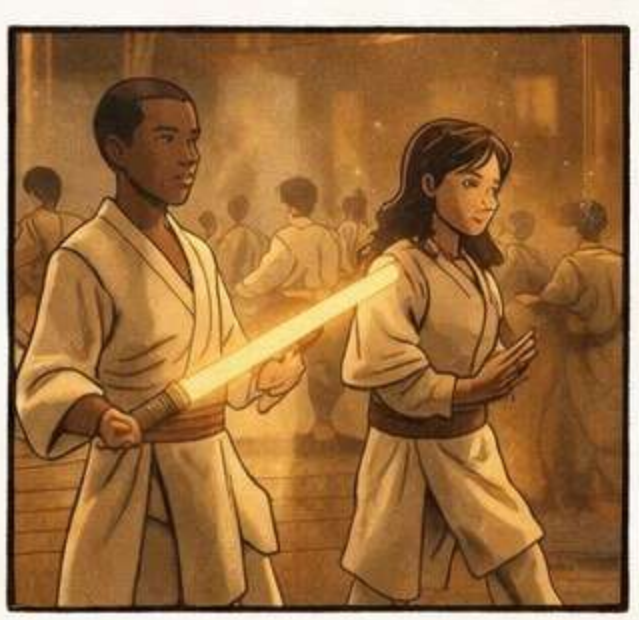
Where are we?
Just trust me.

Everyone, this is Shang-Chi.

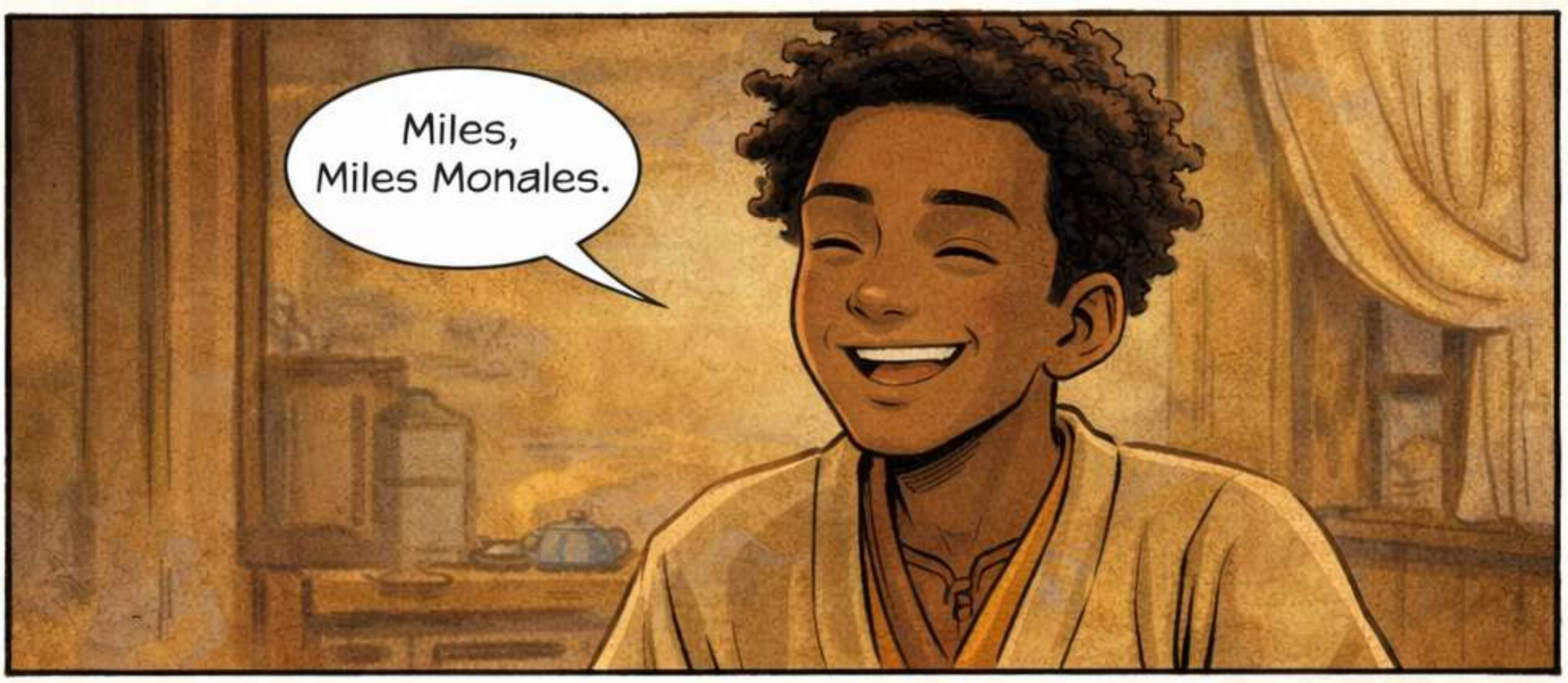
What are you doing, Lu? You know Uncle Rat doesn't like strangers in our camp.

He wanted this one.

CHAPTER TWO

Hi uhh, so what's your name?


Miles, Miles Monales.

Ah, come in, come in!
I am Master Yuan.
Welcome to our temple.
Here, in this sanctuary, you will find peace and safety.
You are part of the family now, my young friends.
Thank you, Master Yuan!

Oh...?
Whoa...
You've come seeking something.
He needs help.
Then you're exactly where you need to be.

Whoa...
Whoa...
Welcome, young ones!
This is a new beginning for each of you... your past burdent shek you here.

Pass the tea--
You trained today?
New guys?
Yeah... kinda.
Go on... speak your heart.
...The Force:
The Force?
Then you are not here by accident. Eat first... and then I will tell you a story.

There was once a path few dared to walk...
The path to the heavens was hidden from ordinary people...
Only those who conquered fear could ascend.
At the summit... there is no ground. Only faith.
Beyond it lise the realm of power...
--and the strength to defeat the dragon that threatens the world.

To face the dragon... is not enough.
You must be trained.
in the ways of the Jedi Order.
...master the Force...
...and conquer the flesh.
Only then... can you stand against the darkness and save the world.
Do or do not. There is no try.
what if you can't...?

Again.

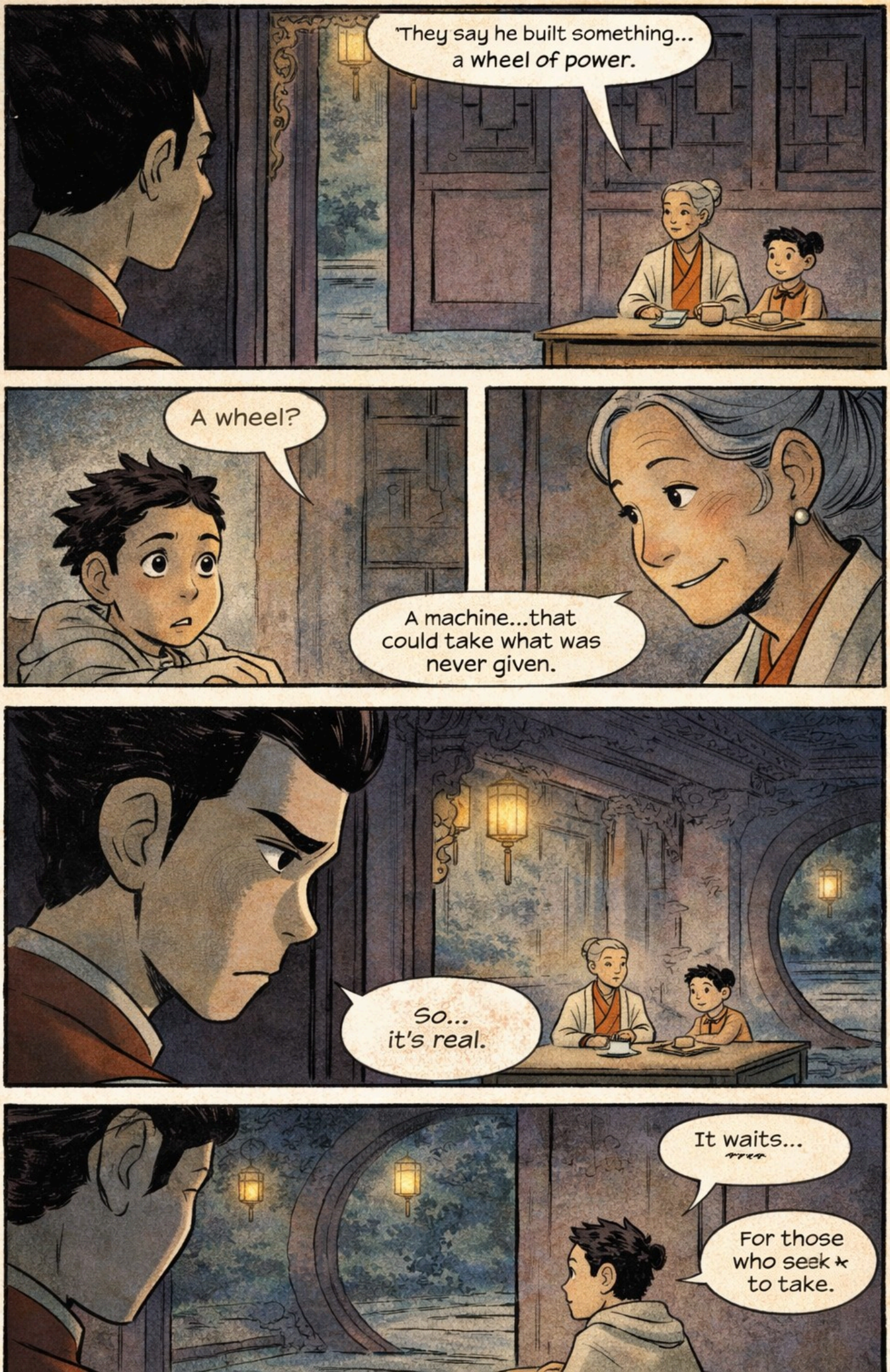
Then you will fall...

...that can't be.
There has to be another way.
Then you must find it.

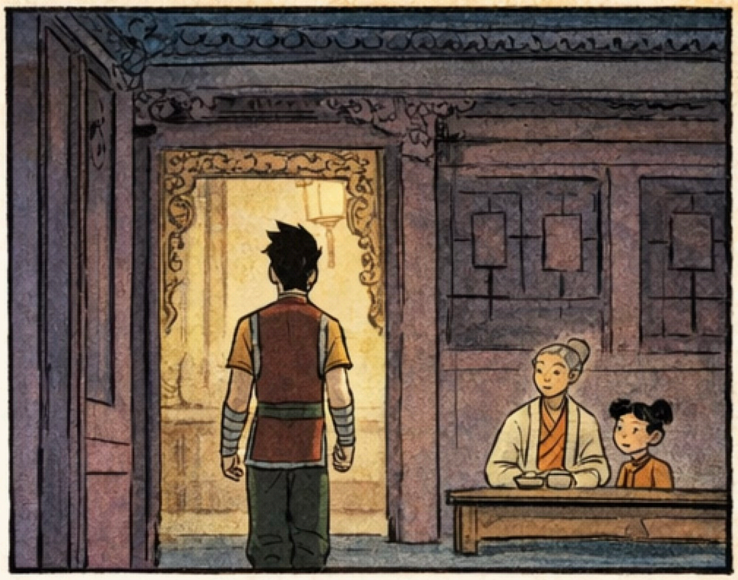
CHAPTER THREE

THUD
...And so there were two brothers...
One gave what he had...with love.
And the other?
It's just a story.
And when his offering was not accepted...
...he chose to take.
CRACK

THUD
And then does He send a flood on him??
What does it matter?
All these tales are old anyway.
Many think so...
But cruth often hides inside what we ignore.

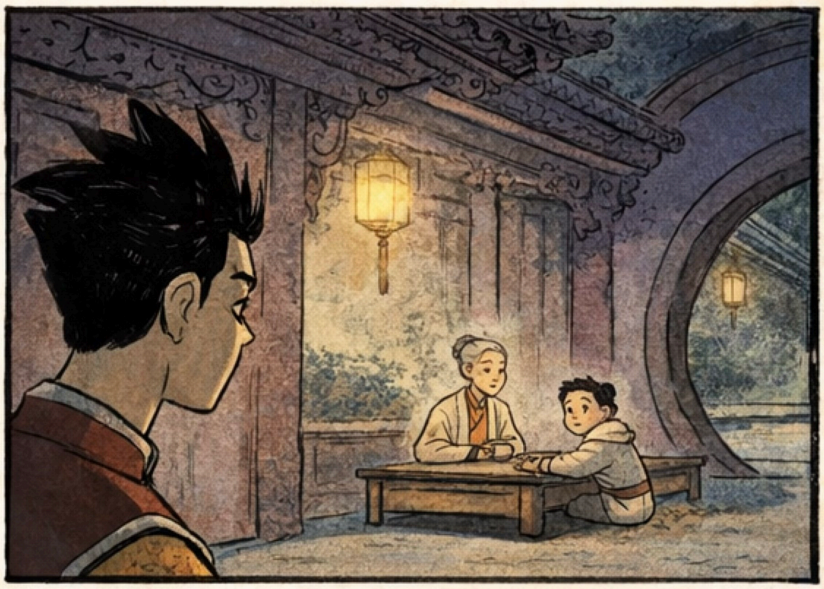

They say he built something... a wheel of power.
A wheel?
A machine...that could take what was never given.
So... it's real.
It waits...
For those who seek to take.

But that's just wrong.



Stories are not always meant to be believed...
...but understood.

...There are some... who say Cain did not fall alone.



They say that after the first blood was spilled... Cain wandered the earth alone.
He could not return... and the ground no longer gave to him.
So he struck the ground... not to give, but to take.
And beneath the crown of the earth... he found a metal unlike any before.
He shaped it... not into a tool...
...but into something new.
An invention... that would outlive him.
...and turn the labor of man into something else.

Now, I think it's time for rest. You'll want to be ready for training tomorrow morning. Let's put this back in the archive and put two to bed!

FWSSSH
Why can't we go see the of legend, Brother?
But why is it forbidden?
-sigh- Shi-Hua, because it forbidden.
I don't know! Because Father says it is. Now be quiet, I'm trying to listen.

CLICK...
CLICK..
TAK TAK...
WHIIRRR...

CREEEAKK

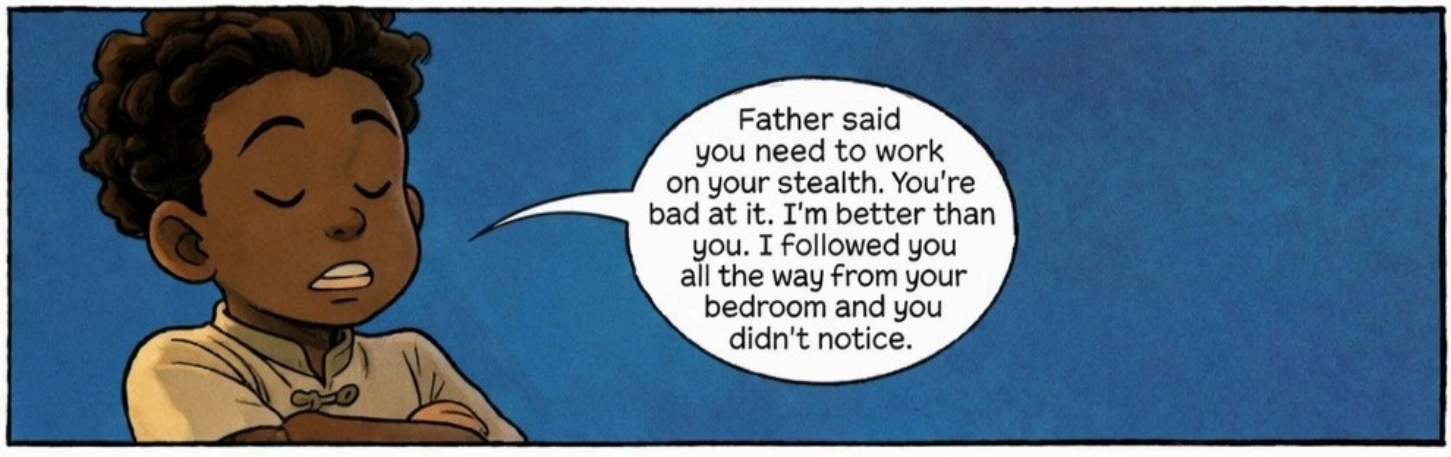
Now, time for bed.

Wait out here.
But why?
SNAP
What are you looking up?
Nothing.
You know why.

What are you doing?

Tien-a, Sis, you scared the beetle berries right out of me.
What are you doing? Why are you out of bed?

What am I doing? What are *you* doing?
Following you. I heard your doorr slide open.
Oh, come on. I thought I was quiet. None of the guards noticed.


Father said you need to work on your stealth. You're bad at it. I'm better than you. I followed you all the way from your bedroom and you didn't notice.

Okay, well, go stealth your way back to your room, then.

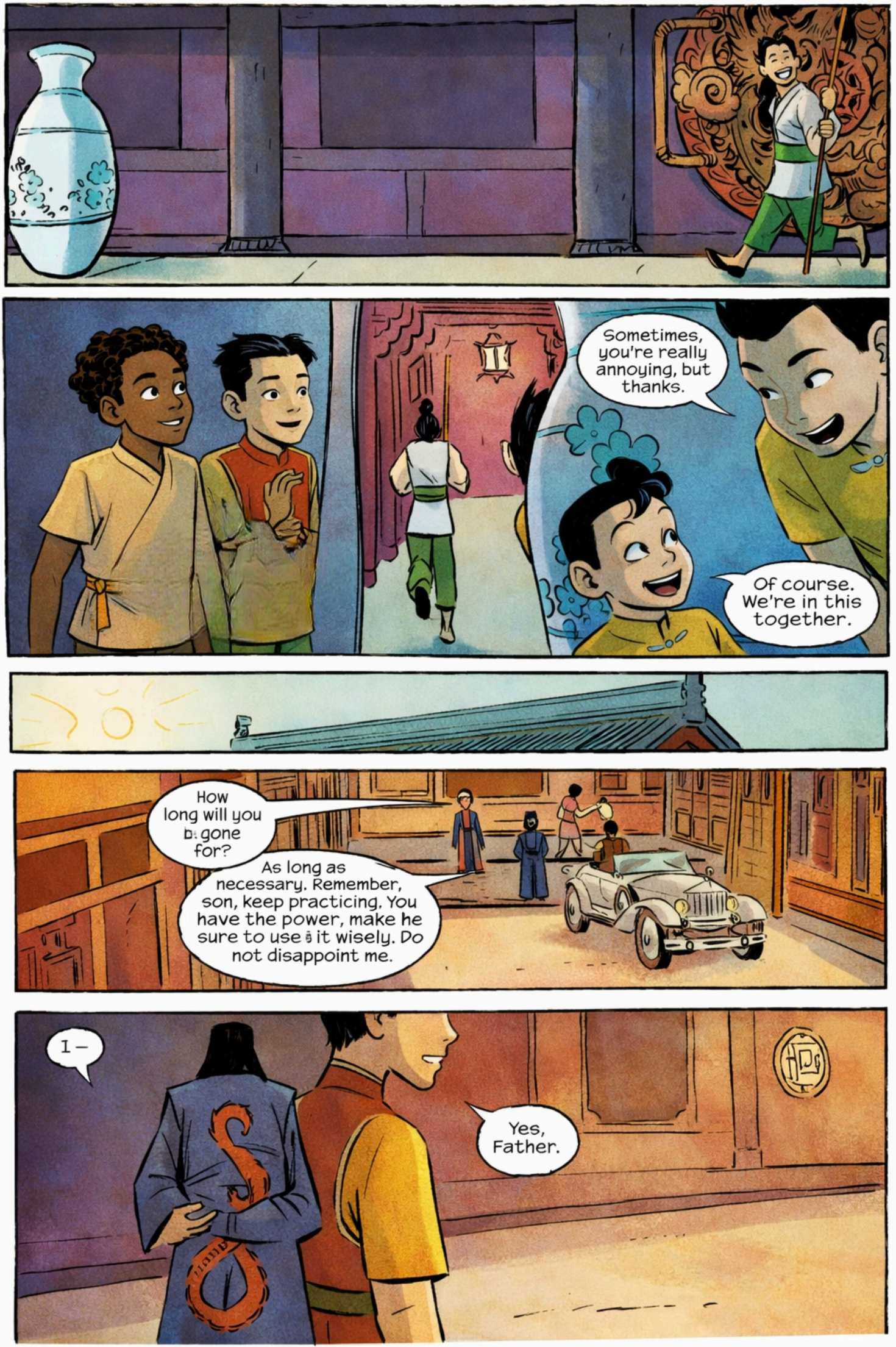
HOP
Hey!
POKE
CRANK
WHIRRRR

I thought it was forbidden!
I just... II just want something.

Fatheris looking to me to.He needs melp lead to Way of the Deadly Hand.

He would want me to...

Better hurry. Fu-Channg just finished with tnis his evening snack. He'll be here on rounds any second.


Sometimes, you're really annoying, but thanks.
Of course. We're in this together.
How long will you be gone for?
As long as necessary. Remember, son, keep practicing. You have the power, make he sure to use it wisely. Do not disappoint me.
I—
Yes, Father.

...You okay?
Yeah. Just... not used to all this yet.
So...you've been here your whole life?
Yeah.
It's not as cool as it looks.
I mean... it kinda does.
Everyone expects something from you here...
Yeah... I get that.
But...you're still trying.

This has to be it... The Wheel of Cain. Tutor said it was hidden in the western archives.
Yeah.
If my dad is gone... I can't just wait around.
You don't have to do this alone, Shang.
I'm with you.
According to this... the path only opens with three codes. One of them is bloodline sealed.
Which means it's tied to your family—
--and the Jedi records your father hid before he left.
If we can align this with the star cycle...
...the Wheel should activate at the ceremony.

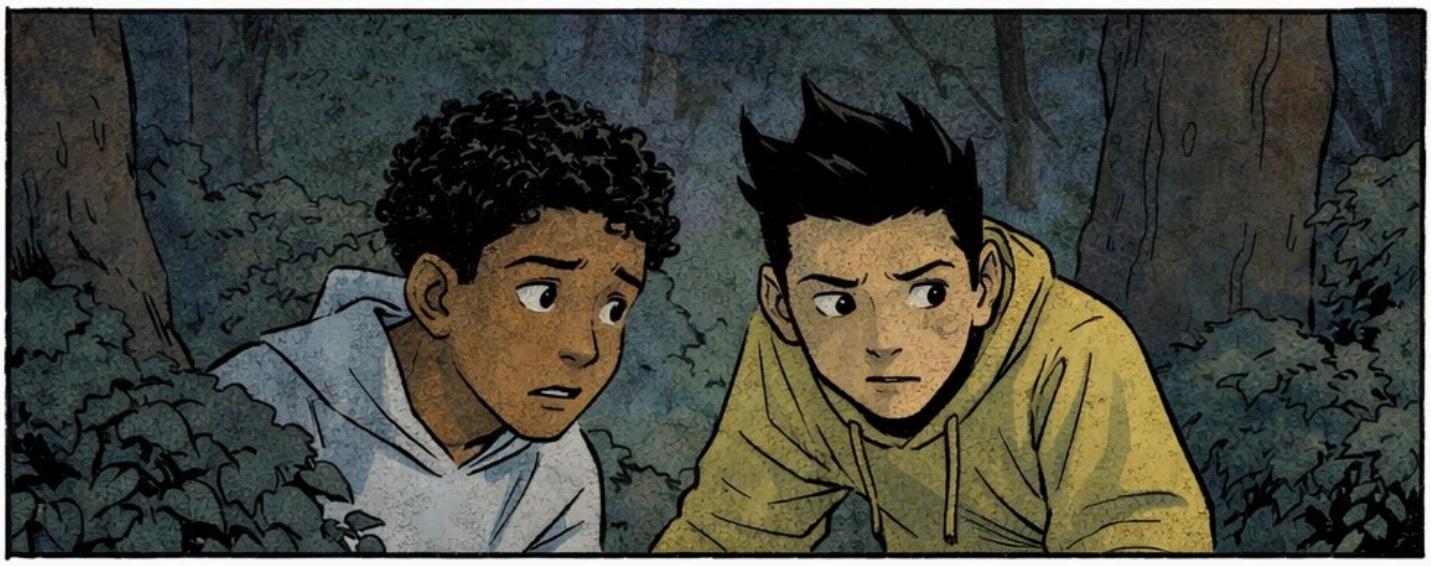
When we reach the Rise of Glory, I'm going to bring honor to the Jedi. For him.
Then we make it to the Rise of Glory before anyone else.
Me? I prefer **discovery** rather than glory.
It's fun to find something **cool**, don't ya think?
I guess...

CHAPTER FOUR

We do this together.
Together.
Together.
Then let's go.

Hours Later...
That's end of the line.
The rest, we figure out as we go...
Guess we're already off to a good start.
Now we find the way to the top.
Together.

Hours Later...
I'm starving!
We should have packed more steamed buns.
Maybe the mountain has secret peaches...
Wouldn't that be something?
I'm kidding! I'm kidding!
BONK
If there were, you'd get to taste them... after we reach the top.
Don't get distracted now. We have a goal.
Right, right...



Yo... that wasn't normal.

...we keep moving.

Wha--
Hey!
What in the--
Quiet!
We're nearing the realm of the gods... Auntie Fan told me about creatures like these...

SNIF
SNIF

Wow, I didn't hear it at all. You would think it would, given that size.
Growing up in the gutters... you learn to pay attention.

Come on, we're in this together.

There it is... Just need to climb to the peak.
How are we--
Come on!

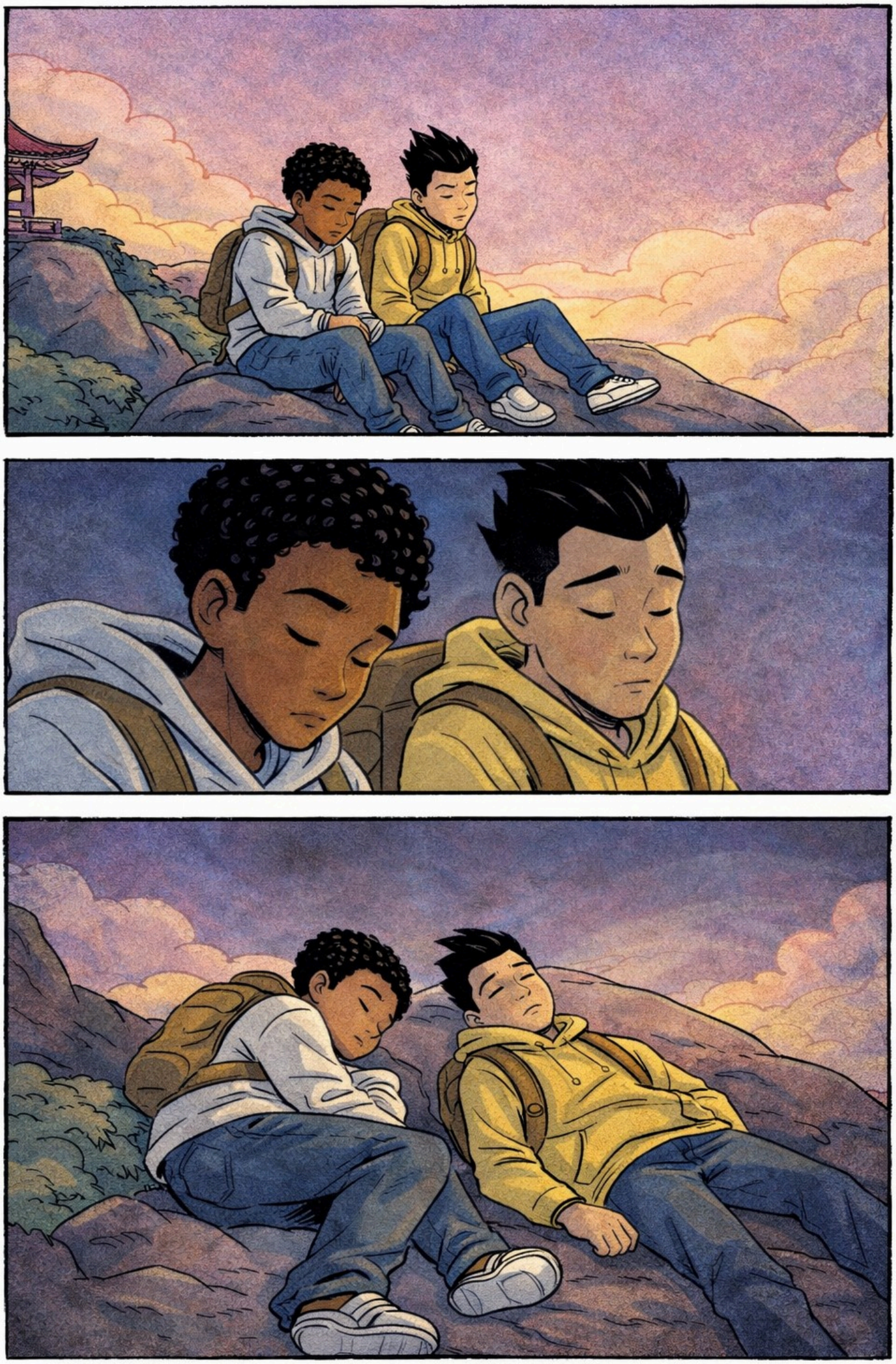
So...
We're just supposed to...

A leap of faith... like Aunt Fan said...
Gulp
Wait.
Come.
Come on.
You're brave too. We'll show them how brave you are.

Just imagine that a big, juicy bao is on the other side of that jump.
Ahh!

Whoa.

Where is the stone guardian?
Maybe that part is just in the story?
I'm more inclined to believe every part of the the story is true...



RING
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RING
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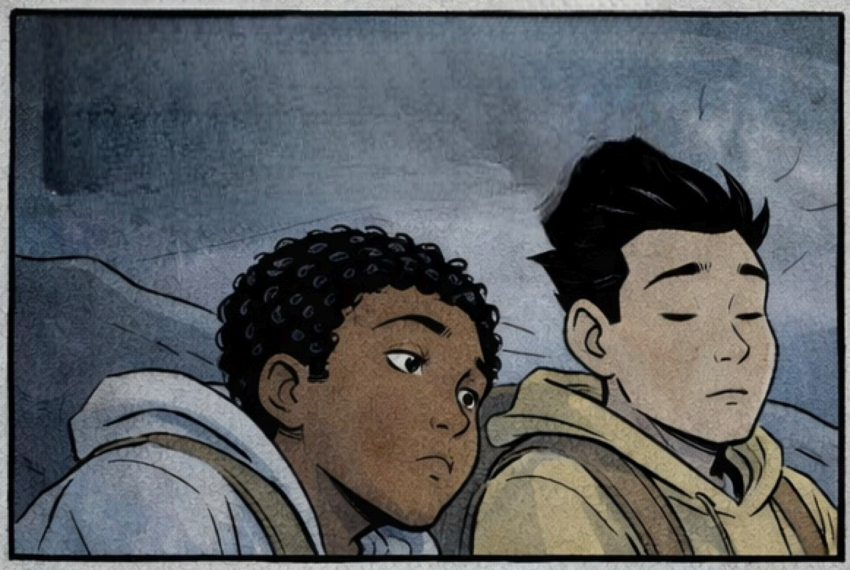
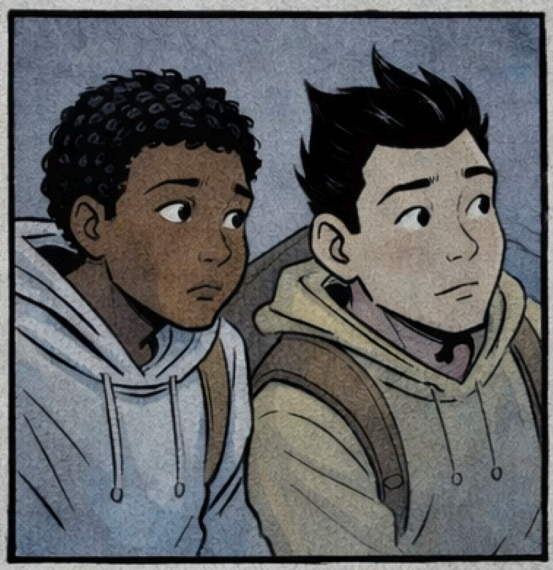
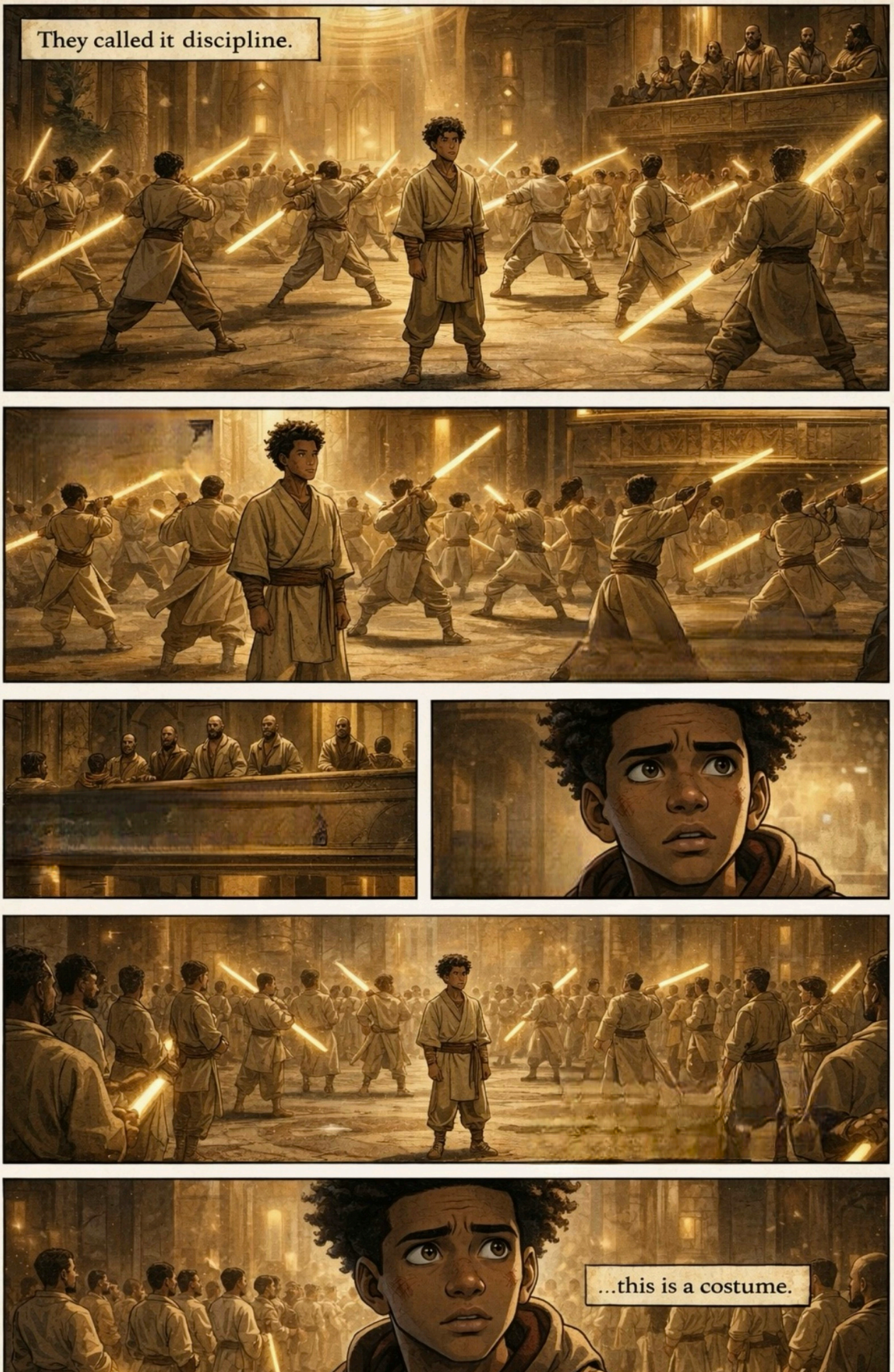
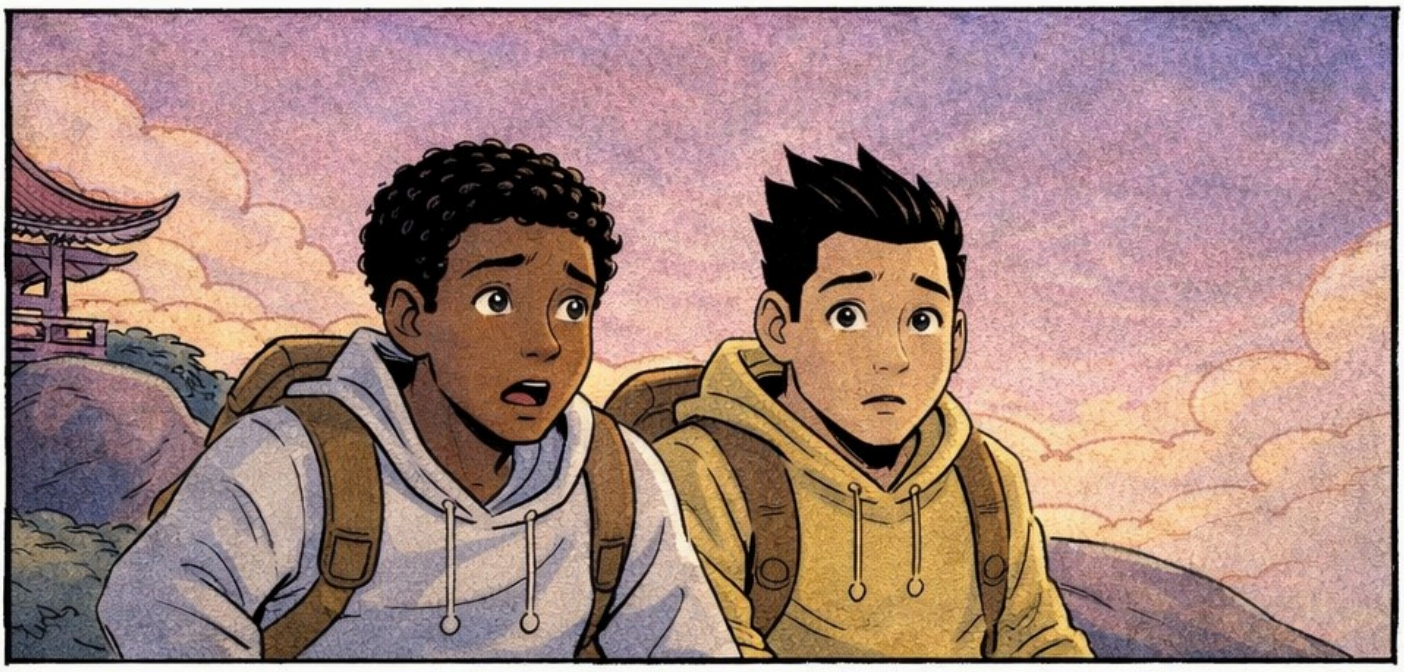
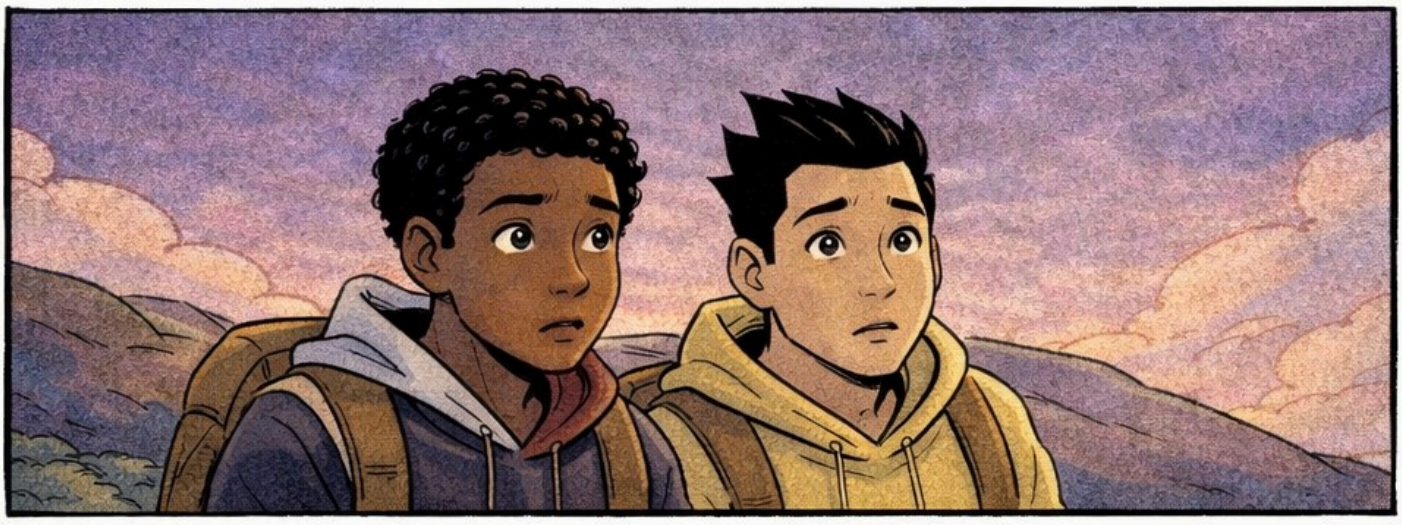
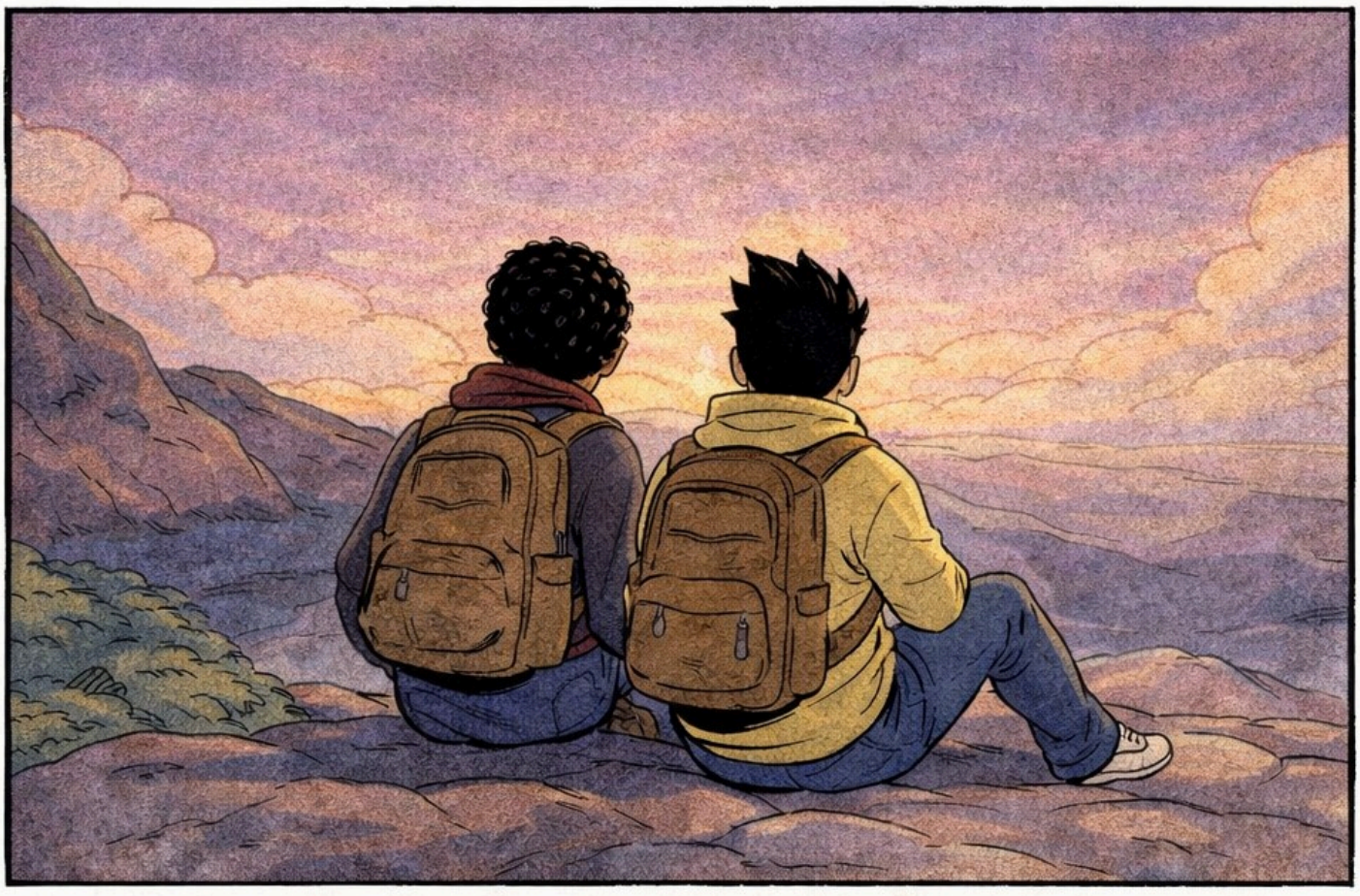


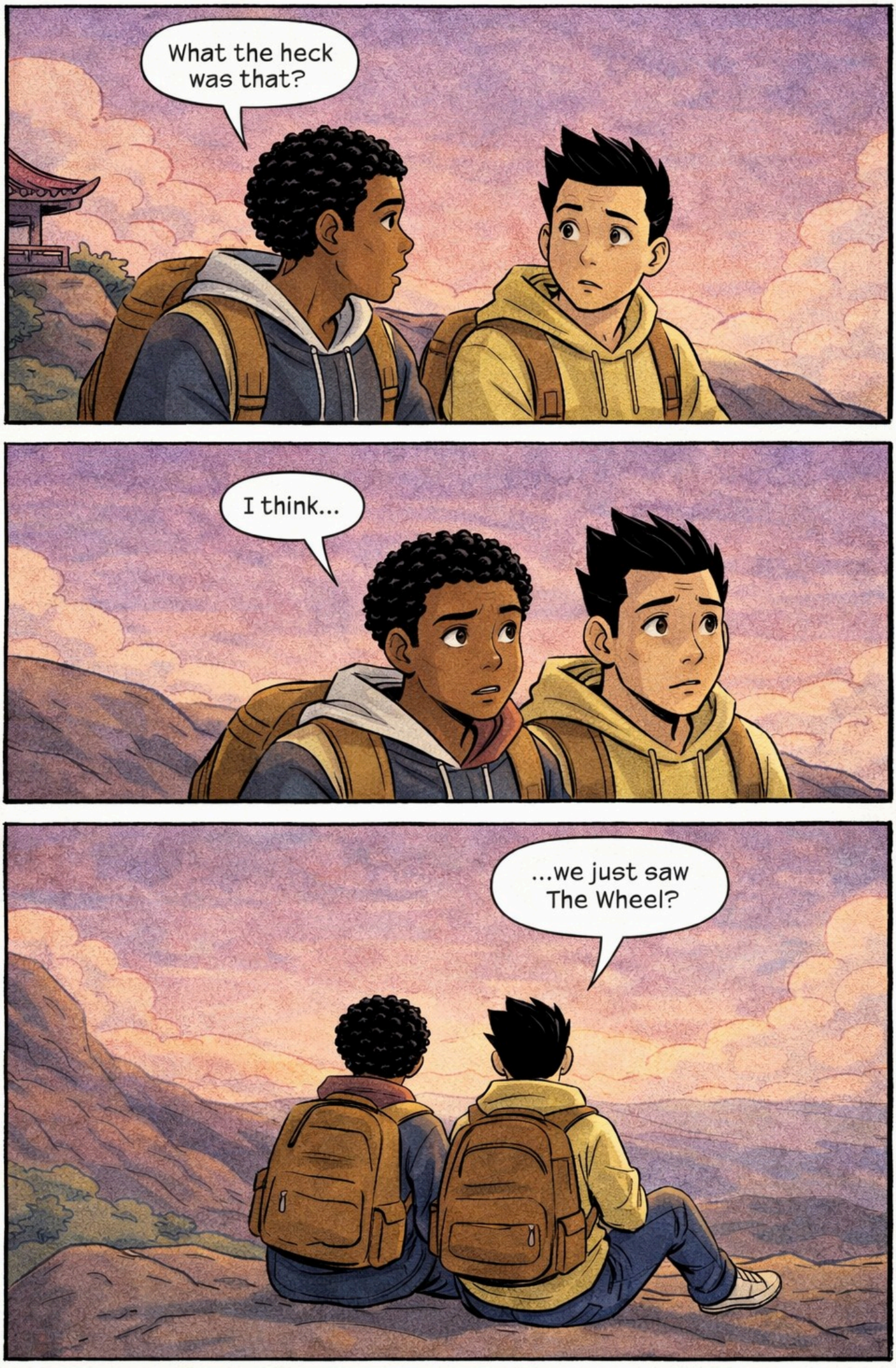



They called it discipline.
...this is a costume.





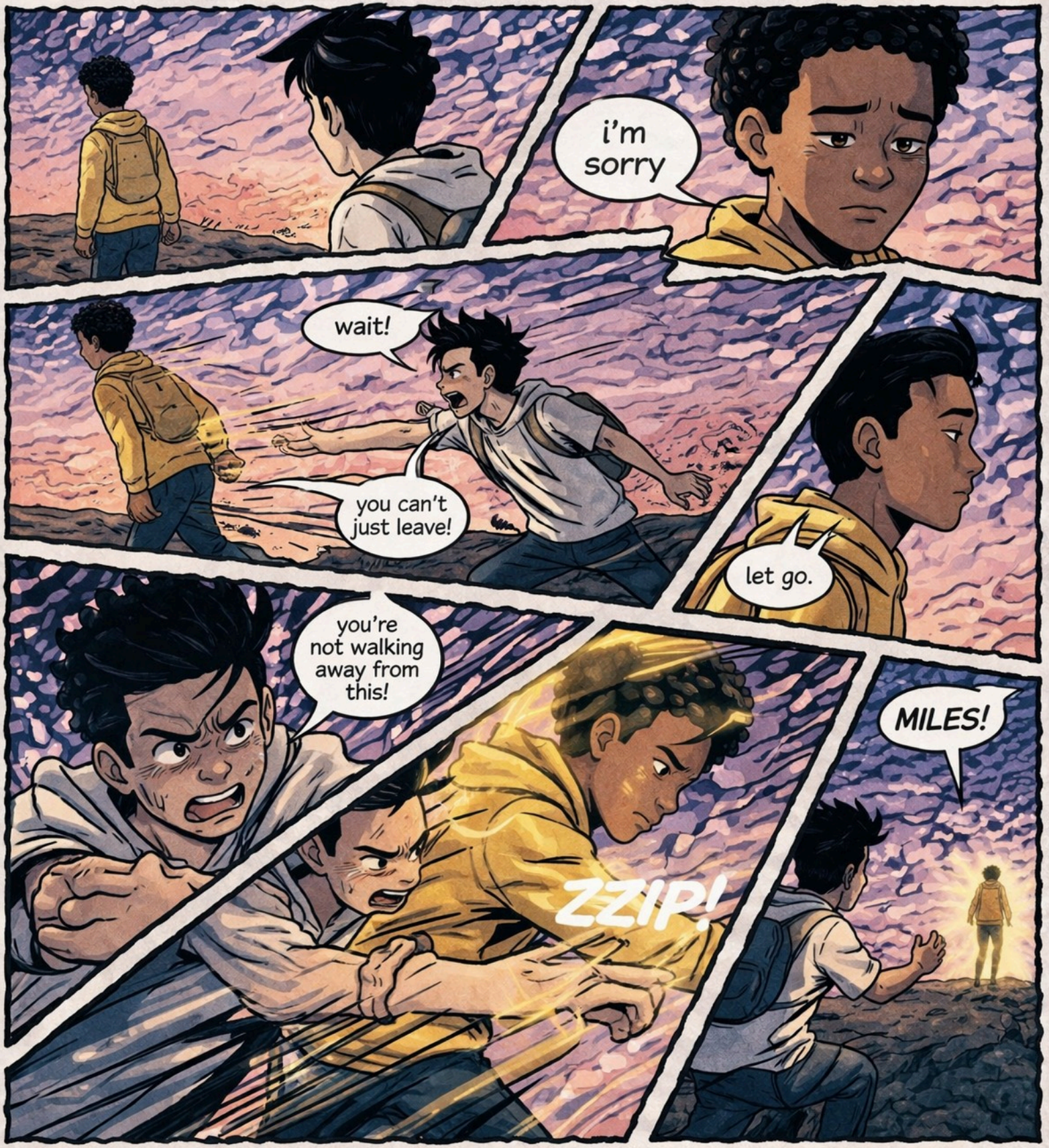



What the heck was that?
I think...
...we just saw The Wheel?

No...
That doesn't make sense.
What about everything I trained for?
My honor...
My father...
What about the Jedi?

Come on... We can just go back.
We don't have to tell anyone about... that.
We just keep training.
...I can't.
What do you mean you can't?
You're coming.
You're coming.
No.

I can't unsee it...
...everything.
Yes you can!
We shouldn't have gone up here in the first place!
We shouldn't have come up here...!
What have I done..!


i'm sorry
wait!
you can't just leave!
let go.
you're not walking away from this!
ZZIP!
MILES!

NO!
NOOO!